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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA CALLS FOR SELECTED LOS ALAMOS OPERATIONS TO STAND DOWN AS PART OF SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS

As part of efforts to ensure that strong security procedures are in place at Los Alamos National Laboratory, University of California Vice President for Laboratory Management S. Robert Foley on Tuesday (Dec. 9) directed Los Alamos National Laboratory Director G. Peter Nanos to immediately stand down selected operations at the laboratory for the purpose of accomplishing a comprehensive security review. Foley initiated this action upon learning the laboratory, in a routine inventory of classified computer media, discovered a limited number of inventory anomalies that demonstrated failures to follow policies and procedures.

"The University of California believes that security responsibilities are of the highest priority in managing the laboratory," said Foley. "The nation has placed a great trust in the university and our employees and we will make every effort to fulfill our obligations and ensure that strong and effective security measures are in place at the laboratory."

Foley directed Nanos to lead efforts, through the laboratory's Security Division, to conduct a thorough search for the missing media and for Nanos to recommend corrective actions. In addition, Foley directed an immediate laboratory-wide review of computer media security, and for the laboratory to immediately reaffirm accountability and responsibility for control of computer media.

The laboratory has begun using technologies that support a media-less environment for classified computing. Foley expects the laboratory to continue to develop methods for improving accountability procedures for safeguarding classified media and to increase the use of technologies that enable a media-less environment for classified computing.

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